

THE SEER

SALEM LUTHERAN CHURCH July 2026

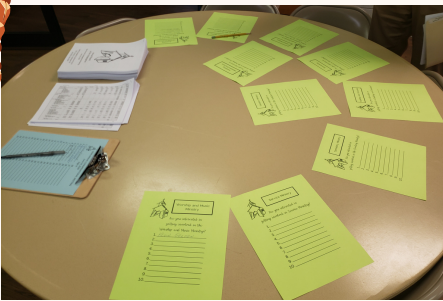
A Message from your Council President

The Second Continental Congress on July 4, 1776, adopted a break-up document with the authoritarian government of Great Britain known as "The Declaration of Independence". This document, authored primarily by Thomas Jefferson, established a culture that is comprised of natural rights, government by the consent of the governed, and equality. We are a relatively new nation who continues to pursue our independence and protect our unalienable rights of life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. The two places that contain the mention of God in this declaration are "Nature's God" and a "Creator" God whose purpose was to endow people with a number of rights but not to establish a country or a government. We have recently heard talk about our country being established as a Christian nation but in actual fact neither the Declaration of Independence nor the Constitution supports this notion. These founding documents rather emphasize equality and freedom of personal rights. This freedom has allowed us to worship as we see fit for everyone. This freedom enables us to welcome everyone as equal both in and outside of religious expressions. After two hundred and fifty years we are still tasked to protect and defend those freedoms of and from religion and openness to welcome all as equals. Happy Birthday to us all!
Stephen Haseley

A Note from Joanna and Terry Gipson

Dear Salem friends,
Thank you for your care, kindness, love and prayers in the weeks around Joanna's mother, Virginia's, death. We feel so blessed by the support of our faith family.
With Love,
Joanna and Terry Gipson

Thank you to all that attended the Semi
Annual Congregational Meeting and
brought a dish for the
Potluck!



Thank you to everyone that helps with Salem's
ministries throughout the year!

Are you interested in being involved in one of the
ministries? Email Pastor Breck at
pastorbreckcogswell@gmail.com



2 MORE SUMMER POTLUCKS

JOIN US JULY 12TH AND AUGUST 16TH

July Birthdays - Happy Birthday!

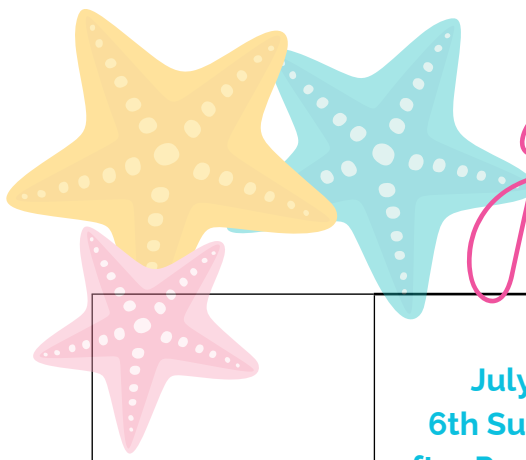
2 Ray Hammergren
2 Eric Reitan
2 Gwen Tipling
3 Wolfgang Mauriz

10 Lucy Kershaw
21 Matthew Schmidt
22 Keith Wolfe
27 Lois Belden

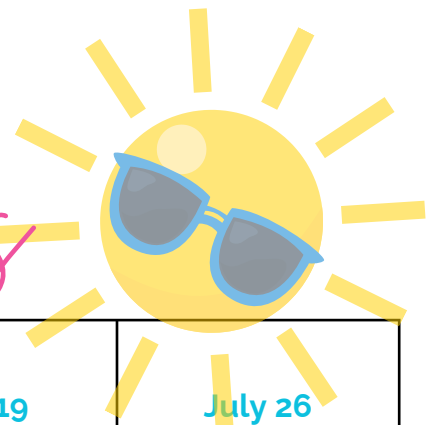
July Anniversaries Happy Anniversary!

3 Jess and Susan Prater
8 David and Judy Lewis
16 Kevin and Priscilla Gerten
18 Jan and Scott Anderson
22 Denzil and Lisa Carney

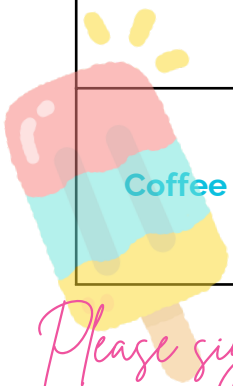




July Volunteers



	July 5 6th Sunday after Pentecost, Lectionary 14	July 12 7th Sunday after Pentecost, Lectionary 15	July 19 8th Sunday after Pentecost Lectionary 16	July 26 9th Sunday after Pentecost Lectionary 17
Assisting Minister	Marvin Shiever	Mark Pennie	Steve Haseley	Rick Cowell
Altar Guild	Dorothy Johnson	Maria Moccia-Wolff	Mary Jo Shiever	Joanna Gipson
Ushers	Jan and Ken Bartels	Pat Darlington and Tracy Nordquist	Roger and Teri Sahs	Catherine Vijayakumar and Naserian Kambaine
Greeter(s)	Elaine Ackerson	Annette Cowell	Pam Talley	Sharon Schonthaler
Counters	Michelle Ratzlaff and Maria Moccia-Wolff	Cindy Haseley and Michelle Ratzlaff	Paula Long and Priscilla Gerfen	Lori Oltmanns and Keith Schmidt
Coffee Hour	Teri and Roger Sahs	Church Potluck		



Please sign up to help with coffee hour. The Sign up form is by the kitchen.



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MINISTRY STAFF

Pastor ~ Rev. Breck Cogswell
Director of Music ~ Krystal Hennessey
Choir Director ~ Elizabeth Albright
Parish Nurse ~ Cindy Pennie
Office Coordinator ~ Karen Belden
Media Specialist ~ Olie Weaver

CHURCH OFFICE

Monday - Friday 9am -1 pm
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9:30 AM SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES

July 5 Sixth Sunday after Pentecost, Lectionary 14
July 12 Seventh Sunday after Pentecost, Lectionary 15
July 19 Eighth Sunday after Pentecost, Lectionary 16
July 26 Ninth Sunday after Pentecost, Lectionary 17

The nursery is available during the Worship Service.
Coffee hour is after Worship Service.

Children's Sunday School - 10:45 am
Library Sunday School - 11 am
Adult Discussion Class - 11 am

Join us on Facebook at Salem Lutheran Church or watch
anytime on YouTube.
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